

**Carl Sandburg College
Resolution**



Whereas... the Carl Sandburg College Mission Statement reads as follows: *“to provide accessible, quality education in a caring environment by keeping the learner’s needs at the center of decision making and by working in partnership with communities of the College district.”*; and

Whereas... the Board of Trustees believes:

- In the value of partnerships,
- Community colleges are vital to economic and workforce development
- In taking ownership of our future,
- in the use of up-to-date technology; and

Whereas... Carl Sandburg College is a participating member of the Abingdon Wind Energy Consortium, which consists of Galesburg, ROWVA, Knoxville, Farmington and Abingdon school districts as well as Carl Sandburg College; and

Whereas... The Abingdon Wind Energy Consortium exists to explore the feasibility and promote the concept of establishing a wind turbine farm to meet the aggregate electricity demand of the consortium’s members; and

Whereas... Current legislation enables school districts to join together in consortia and own wind turbine farms for this purpose; and

Whereas... Current legislation requires a wind turbine to be directly connected to a bi-directional meter at its owner’s billing site for the owner to receive the benefit of “net metering” (which is the method for measuring electricity generated by a wind turbine and offsetting it against the turbine owner’s electric bill kilowatt for kilowatt); and

Whereas... This direct-connection requirement prevents wind turbine owners from combining electricity usage from multiple billing sites and offsetting their aggregate usage against the kilowatts generated by their turbines; and

Whereas... “Aggregate net metering” is the method that enables wind turbine owners to combine electricity usage from multiple billing sites (e.g. all school buildings in a school district) and offset that usage against the electricity generated by their turbines, kilowatt for kilowatt; and

Whereas... “Aggregate net metering” must be the law for the Abingdon Wind Energy Consortium to be able to establish a collectively owned wind turbine farm at a location remote from member districts’ school buildings; and

Whereas... Legislation has been introduced into the Illinois General Assembly that requires retail electricity providers to allow “aggregate net metering”.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Carl Sandburg College supports and promotes passage of legislation in the Illinois General Assembly that will require retail electricity providers to allow aggregate net metering.

**Adopted by the Board of Trustees
this 18th Day of December 2008**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Huston", is written over a large, faint circular stamp or watermark.

Mr. John T. Huston, Chairperson
Board of Trustees